# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF RURAL TELEPHONE NETWORK
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether BSNL is considering a proposal to engage unemployed youths for maintenance services of its rural telephone network;

(b) if so, whether any consulting agency has done any study on the benefits of giving such work in private sector in the rural areas to save money;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the extent to which the losses of BSNL is likely to be mitigated by this proposal;

(e) whether any pilot operation has been done in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) No pilot operation has been done in this regard.

(f) Does not arise.